



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020- 21

**AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING TO CONTROL AND  
LIMIT THE EXPOSURE TO THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 19 (COVID 19) IN THE  
CITY OF CALAMBA**

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency in the whole country recognizing COVID-19 as a threat to national security prompting a whole-of-government approach to address the outbreak;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has issued a statement reminding all countries and communities that the spread of the COVID-19 can be significantly slowed or even reversed through the implementation of robust containment and control activities;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has raised the code alert system for COVID-19 Public Health Event to Code Red Sublevel 2;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units outside Metro Manila are advised to abide by specific guidelines in the imposition of localized community quarantine, if necessary;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11332 entitled "MANDATORY REPORTING OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND HEALTH EVENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN ACT" empowers the public health authorities to declare quarantine, isolation and rapid containment measures for disease prevention and control;

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease and Control and Prevention published an article entitled "NONPHARMACEUTICAL MEASURES FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA IN NONHEALTHCARE SETTINGS - SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES" stating that Influenza virus infections are believed to spread mainly through close contact in the community (e.g., homes, workplaces, preschool and day



care centers, schools, public places), and more frequent and intense contact among children has a particularly major role in transmission. Social distancing measures aim to reduce the frequency of contact and increase physical distance between persons, thereby reducing the risks of person-to-person transmission;

WHEREAS, Section 455 of the Local Government Code provides that "for the efficient, effective and economical governance the purpose of which is the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code..." the city mayor is empowered to *carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN MARC SB. CHIPECO, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Calamba, Province of Laguna, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Restrictions on Government and Private Facilities.** To further promote social distancing, the following establishments shall comply with the following rules from March 17, 2020 until April 14, 2020, unless extended or shortened as recommended by the Inter Agency Task Force, City Health Office and POSO:

**LIMITED OPERATIONS:**

1. Malls;
2. Bars, Restobars, KTV and similar establishments;
3. Restaurants, Carinderia, Food Stalls and similar establishments
4. Theatres;
5. Schools;
6. Gyms, basketball courts, badminton courts and other similar establishments;
7. Hotels, Motels, Resorts and other similar establishments.

All establishments shall strictly enforce social distancing measures, such as but not limited to, skeletal staffing, temperature checking, use of masks and



gloves and other requirements that may be implemented by the City Government of Calamba.

Convenience stores, supermarkets, grocery stores, and the like, are required that to implement the social distancing measures. Patrons/consumers that are inside their establishment should only be limited to ONE-HALF of its capacity at any given time.

#### **Section II. Public Transport Utilities.**

*Passengers of Public Utility Vehicles, such as Jeepneys, must maintain a distance of one seat apart from each other. For this to be possible, taxis and TNVS units may only load up to four (4) occupants, and UV Express vehicles may have no more than six occupants at a time—both head counts include passengers and the driver.*

Tricycle and similar modes of transport should carry passengers which will not exceed half of their regular seating capacities.

Public utility buses may only load up to 25 passengers, including the driver and the conductor. Only one passenger is entitled to be seated in a three seat capacity, with no standing passengers.

**Section III. Curfew.** A curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. shall be implemented in the City of Calamba from March 17, 2020 to April 14, 2020 unless extended or shortened as recommended by the Inter Agency Task Force, City Health Office and POSO.

**Exempted from the curfew are the following:**

1. Those working in business or companies with a work schedule within the curfew hours;
2. Health workers;
3. Authorized government officials;
4. Those travelling for medical reasons or humanitarian-relief efforts;
5. Persons transiting to airport for travel abroad subject to the presentation of travel itineraries;



6. Persons providing basic services and public utilities;
7. Persons delivering food and medicines; and,
8. Essential skeletal workforce of the City Government of Calamba

**Section IV. Enforcement** – The POSO together with the Barangay Chairman concerned are hereby directed to strictly enforce this Executive Order.

Failure to abide by the foregoing guidelines and measures shall be meted with appropriate action, in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. For this purpose, the Legal Services Office is directed to initiate appropriate charges, as may be warranted.

The City Government of Calamba shall regularly evaluate the restrictions based on findings and recommendations of the Inter Agency Task Force, City Health Office and POSO.

**Section IV. Effectivity** – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. Any order inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed.

Issued this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 in the City of Calamba.

JUSTIN MARC S.B. CHIPECO  
City Mayor